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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) North Dakota water officials see results from crackdown on illegal water sales. The stepped-up enforcement of water violations, which has coincided with the boom, started in 2012 when the State Water Commission decided to impose fines that would claw back violators' profits. If permit holders overpump, their future pumping allowance is restricted by agreement until levels fall back in line with the rate allowed. http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/north-dakota-water-officials-see-results-from-crackdown-on-illegal/article_42cc5849-a4d8-5f6b-ab7b-460eaab7cfa7.html

(North Dakota) North Dakota's emergency room on wheels aimed at disasters. North Dakota health officials on Tuesday unveiled a new self-contained emergency room on wheels that can be used during floods, tornadoes and other statewide disasters. The Mobile Medical Unit is 53-foot-long semitrailer converted into rolling hospital that can accommodate up to 16 patients. <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=157&sid=35300966>

(North Dakota) North Dakota takes lead in lawsuit against EPA on Waters of the US. North Dakota and a dozen other states sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers on Monday over new a clean water rule that critics have slammed as federal overreach that will burden landowners, farmers, ranchers and local governments. <http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/agriculture/3776147-north-dakota-takes-lead-lawsuit-against-epa-waters-us>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) FSIS issues public health alert for frozen raw stuffed chicken products due to possible Salmonella contamination. The Food Safety and Inspection Service issued a public health alert July 1 due to illnesses caused by Salmonella that may be associated with raw, frozen, breaded and pre-browned, stuffed chicken products in the State of Minnesota. The items may be labeled as “chicken cordon bleu” or “chicken Kiev.” <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>

(Saskatchewan) Canadian Wildfires Force Thousands to Evacuate Saskatchewan. Canadian firefighters are battling a growing wildfire in northern Saskatchewan

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that displaced an additional 8,000 people in the northern part of the province this weekend. The Canadian military has been called in as the fire threat continues to grow. <http://www.ibtimes.com/canadian-wildfires-force-thousands-evacuate-saskatchewan-1996197>

NATIONAL

(National) Fracking in U.S. is consuming a lot more water than it used to.

Findings from a recently released U.S. Geological Survey study of water used in hydraulic fracturing operations revealed that U.S. oil and natural gas fracking is consuming over 28 times the water it did 15 years ago, and that amounts vary widely nationwide, among other findings. <http://www.ibtimes.com/fracking-us-consuming-lot-more-water-it-used-1993514>

(National) Five predominately black southern churches burn within a week; arson suspected in at least three. The FBI and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives reported June 29 that an investigation is ongoing to determine if 5 church fires were linked to arson in 4 southern States during the week of June 21. The motives remain unclear. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/06/29/six-predominately-black-southern-churches-burn-within-a-week-with-arson-suspected-in-at-least-three/>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) Pentagon, OPM shut down background check systems. The U.S. Department of Defense Joint Personnel Adjudication System was taken offline following the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) June 29 announcement that the e-QIP system would be offline 4-6 weeks for security improvements. A vulnerability in the OPM tool that links to JPAS was discovered during a probe of the recent OPM breach. <http://www.defenseone.com/technology/2015/06/pentagon-opm-shut-down-background-check-systems/116554/>

(Greece) Greek Crisis: Chaos As Retirees Mob Banks to Withdraw Cash. Retirees throughout Greece mobbed banks as they tried to withdraw a maximum of 120 euros (\$134) in pension payments on Wednesday, as the country teetered on the

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brink of economic collapse hours after an international bailout expired.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/greek-economic-crisis-chaos-retirees-try-withdraw-cash-n384951>

(International) 4,900 new Android malware strains discovered every day.

Security researchers from G DATA reported that they discovered 440,267 new Android malware strains in the first quarter of 2015, and that at least 50 percent of the malware currently being distributed includes banking trojans and SMS trojans for financial motivations, among other findings. http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=3067

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Nothing Significant to Report

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

(Ohio) Chemical spill prompts evacuation at Menards in Oregon. Officials reported that a chemical spill at Menards in Oregon, Ohio prompted the evacuation and closure of its facility after a worker spilled pool shock on the ground, sending two employees to area hospitals June 28. The facility plans to reopen June 29.

<http://www.nbc24.com/news/story.aspx?id=1223646#.VZFpXflVhBc>

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(California) FBI investigating 11 attacks on San Francisco-area Internet lines. The FBI is investigating at least 11 physical attacks on high-capacity Internet cables in California's San Francisco Bay Area as far back as least July 2014, including a June 30 incident that disrupted Internet service for businesses and residential customers near the Sacramento area.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2015/06/30/california-internet-outage/29521335/>

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CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Nothing Significant to Report

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Ohio) Fake shooting, hostage call elicits SWAT response in Parma. Parma, Ohio officers reported June 29 that a trend called “swatting” may be jeopardizing the safety of first responders and SWAT teams after a June 28 hoax shooting and hostage call prompted the response of several police officers and the department’s SWAT team. Officials believe the incident was an example of the growing trend and are investigating the case.

http://www.cleveland.com/parma/index.ssf/2015/06/fake_shooting_hostage_call_el.html

(California) DEA agent pleads guilty to accepting Silk Road funds. A U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent pleaded guilty July 1 to charges alleging that he accepted \$297,000 in bitcoins and routed the money to his own account while on the Silk Road investigation.

<http://www.csoononline.com/article/2943716/malware-cybercrime/dea-agent-pleads-guilty-to-accepting-silk-road-funds.html>

ENERGY

(California) Electrical vault blast leaves 17,000 without power in LA. A June 30 explosion in an electrical vault in Los Angeles caused about 17,000 customers to lose power. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is investigating the cause of the blast and reports that power should be restored July 1.

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/state/california/article25951696.html>

(National) Gulf States reach \$18.7 billion settlement with BP over 2010 oil spill. Officials from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana announced July 2 that

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BP would pay \$18.7 billion in a settlement resolving charges related to a 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill that was declared an environmental disaster. The funds will be used to resolve Clean Water Act penalties, natural resources damage claims, economic claims, and economic damage claims for local governments.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2015/07/02/gulf-states-reach-187b-settlement--bp-over-oil-spill/29611451/>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) Rocky Mountain Foods, Inc. voluntarily recalls Free Range Snack Co. brand 16 oz. Island Fruit and Nut Trail Mix and bulk Macadamia Nuts because of possible health risk. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported June 26 that Rocky Mountain Foods Inc., of Denver Colorado, is voluntarily recalling certain lots of Island Fruit and Nut Trail Mix packaged under the Free Range Snack Co. Brand, and certain lots of bulk Macadamia Nuts due to possible salmonella contamination. The products were shipped to retail stores nationwide.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm453116.htm>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Ohio) Perfume bottle sparks scare, courthouse closure. A perfume bottle shaped like a grenade was discovered during a security screening of a suitcase at Hamilton County Courthouse June 30, prompting officials to evacuate the building after a bomb-sniffing dog alerted deputies the bag was suspicious. The courthouse reopened July 1.

<http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2015/06/30/courthouse-evacuated-suspicious-package/29502849/>

(Massachusetts) Harvard University suffers IT security breach. Harvard University announced July 1 that 8 of its schools and administrative organizations were affected by a data breach discovered June 19. Federal law enforcement is working with the school to conduct a forensic investigation. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18586>

(Washington, D.C.) Washington Navy Yard: police say 'all clear' after lockdown. The Washington Navy Yard was under lockdown for over 2 hours July 2 after

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authorities received reports of an active shooter in building 197 that prompted the evacuation of employees and sent dozens of police crews and ambulances to respond to the incident. Authorities cleared the building and found no shooter.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/07/02/politics/navy-yard-shooting-lockdown-police-activity/index.html>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Security firm discloses details of Amazon Fire Phone

vulnerabilities. MWR InfoSecurity released details on three recently patched Amazon Fire Phone vulnerabilities, including flaws in the CertInstaller package that can allow third party applications to install digital certificates to intercept encrypted traffic via man-in-the-middle attacks, and an issue with the Android Debug Bridge (ADB) in which an attacker could bypass the lock screen, steal information, add and remove applications, and access a high privilege shell on the phone. <http://www.securityweek.com/security-firm-discloses-details-amazon-fire-phone-vulnerabilities>

(International) Dridex is the most prevalent banking malware in the corporate sector. SecurityScorecard released findings from a report revealing that the Dridex banking trojan was the most prevalent malware found in corporate environments from January – May, primarily targeting the manufacturing and retail sectors, followed by the Beloh and Tinba trojans, which targeted telecommunications and technologies companies.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/dridex-is-the-most-prevalent-banking-malware-in-the-corporate-sector-485679.shtml>

(International) Many organizations using Oracle PeopleSoft vulnerable to attacks: report. ERPScan released findings from a report revealing that Oracle's PeopleSoft contained several vulnerabilities including information disclosure, extensible markup language external entity (XXE), cross-site scripting (XSS), and authentication bypass flaws as well as configuration-related issues that could allow an attacker to breach PeopleSoft systems connected to the Internet.

<http://www.securityweek.com/many-organizations-using-oracle-peoplesoft-vulnerable-attacks-report>

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(International) GhostShell hackers reveal 548 targets, links to dumps. Hackers associated with GhostShell released a list of 548 compromised targets including government, educational, and retail sector Web sites along with links to previews of extracted data in an effort to reportedly draw attention to poor cybersecurity practices. The data contained contact information, dates of birth, and hashed and plain text passwords. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/ghostshell-hackers-reveal-548-targets-links-to-dumps-485866.shtml>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(International) Foreign national indicted on charges of defrauding IRS in UPMC data breach. The U.S. attorney's office announced June 26 the indictment of a foreign national for allegedly taking part in an international scheme to file hundreds of fraudulent tax returns using the stolen identities of thousands of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center employees. Prosecutors claim at least three others were involved in the conspiracy, and the investigation is ongoing. <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2015/06/26/Venezuelan-indicted-on-charges-of-defrauding-IRS-in-UPMC-data-breach-pittsburgh/stories/201506260267>

(Texas) Austin Regional Clinic bans children of anti-vax parents. Austin Regional Clinic in Texas began refusing treatment for unvaccinated children starting July 1, citing concerns over illnesses such as whooping cough, chicken pox, and measles which are easily transmitted in hospital waiting rooms. <http://www.twcnews.com/tx/austin/news/2015/06/30/austin-regional-clinic-bans-children-of-anti-vax-parents.html>

(Idaho) Refrigerant leak prompts evacuation of Boise surgical center. The Boise Fire Department reported that a surgical center in the St. Luke's complex was evacuated June 29 after a refrigerant leak was found in the building's basement, prompting HAZMAT crews to respond. The building was ventilated and crews cleaned the area. http://www.idahostatesman.com/2015/06/29/3874684_refrigerant-leak-prompt-evacuation.html?rh=1

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TRANSPORTATION

(International) 130 arrested in global operation against airline ticket fraudsters.

An international law enforcement operation targeting airline fraudsters and organized at 140 airports in 49 countries, detained 130 individuals for possessing airline tickets purchased using stolen payment card data June 16 – 17.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/130-arrested-in-global-operation-against-airline-ticket-fraudsters-485663.shtml>

(Tennessee) Tennessee train derailment: 5,000 residents evacuated from Maryville.

More than 5,000 residents in Maryville, Tennessee were evacuated after a CSX train traveling from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Waycross, Georgia, carrying highly flammable and toxic gas, partly derailed and caught fire July 2. The evacuation zone is a 2-mile radius and could be in place for up to 48 hours.

Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/tennessee-train-derailment-5-000-residents-evacuated-maryville-n385576>

WATER AND DAMS

(Indiana) Evacuations underway after dams in Wabash, Huntington Counties open.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released water from dams at the Salamoine Reservoir and Roush Lake in Wabash and Huntington Counties June 30 due to the water reaching capacity after a record month of rain. As a precaution people nearby were asked to voluntarily evacuate.

<http://wishtv.com/2015/07/01/evacuations-underway-after-dams-in-wabash-huntington-counties-open/>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center**: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio**: 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)**: 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol**: 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's**

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Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400; Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875; Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241.

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